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DISTRICT MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, SHOT VICTIM DURING ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

WASHINGTON - Jervon L. Herbin, 22, recently was found guilty by a jury in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia for his role in the May 2008 attempted armed robbery and murder of a 29-year-old District man, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Herbin, of the District, was found guilty Aug. 27, 2010 of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, attempted armed robbery, possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, and carrying a pistol without a license. Sentencing is scheduled for November 3, 2010, before the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon Jr., who presided over the trial.

The government's evidence at trial showed that on May 31, 2008, at around 12:55 a.m., Herbin lured the victim, Kevin Turner, to play a game of craps in the 1100 block of Abbey Place NE. While the victim was playing craps with other individuals, Herbin and another man went to Herbin's home, located about a block from the craps game. The men armed themselves with a revolver, attempted to disguise themselves, and walked toward the craps game.

The two assailants crept to the scene using the parked cars on the street for cover before they jumped out, surprising Turner and the other participants of the craps game. As the other participants ran from the scene, Herbin and his accomplice headed straight for the victim, who was kneeling on the ground by himself. They demanded money, and then pushed, beat, and kicked Turner. While Turner was still on the ground, they shot him repeatedly, firing five shots into his body. One bullet hit Turner in the heart, and he collapsed immediately. He died on the scene.

In announcing the jury's verdict, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department officers who were involved in the investigation and prosecution of this case. Specifically, the U.S. Attorney commended the outstanding work of Detective Daniel Whalen, Lt. George Caldwell, and Officers Eric Walsh, Raoul Short, R.S. Griffin, Keith Slaughter, Topaz Proctor, Brandon Clay, Jeffrey Weber, Thomas Ellingsworth, and Derek Phillips. U.S. Attorney Machen also cited the

efforts of several members of his staff, including Litigation Support Services technician Kimberly Smith; intelligence analyst Lawrence Grasso; Paralegals Kelly Blakeney and Sharon Newman; and Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Kerkhoff who investigated and presented the government's case at trial.

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